

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph No. [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] Recent study results (EPA Report "PRELIMINARY RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID AND ITS SALTS"

(<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pfoa/pfoara.pdf>)) and the like clarify that a PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) doubtfully has a potential risk of environmental load. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency of USA) announced on April 14, 2003 that the EPA intensifies the scientific investigation on PFOA.

On the other hand, Federal Register (FR Vol. 68, No. 73/April 16, 2003 [FRL-2303-8]) (<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pfoa/pfoafr.pdf>), EPA Environmental News for release Monday April, 2003 "EPA INTENSIFIES SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF A CHEMICAL PROCESSING AID" (<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pfoa/pfoaeps.pdf>), and EPA OPPT FACT SHEET April 14, 2003 (<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pfoa/pfoafacts.pdf>) announced that a "telomer" may possibly metabolize or decompose to PFOA. It is also announced that the "telomer" is used in a large number of commercial products including fire fighting foams, care products and cleaning products as well as soil, stain and grease resistant coating on carpets, textiles, paper, and leather.

Please replace the paragraph No. [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] The present invention can give a surface treatment agent excellent in water repellency, oilwater repellency and antifouling property.